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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HIMMLER ET AL.

Examiner

Binta M. Robinson

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 12-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5-11 and 15-24 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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Detailed Action

The 112, second paragraph rejection of claims 1, 9, 10, 11 13, 14, 15, 18, 21-24 is withdrawn in light of applicant's amendment at paper no. 9/B.

(new rejections)

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Himmler. (See Reference N) for reasons of record at paper no. 3.

Himmler et. al. teaches the instant compound, 3-Quinolinecarboxylic acid, 8-cyano-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-1,4-dihydro(octahydro-6H-pyrrolo[3,4-b]pyridin-6-yl)-4-oxo-, monohydrochloride, (4aS-cis)--. At page 15, lines 16-20, see Beispiel 2. The difference between the prior art compound and the instantly claimed compounds is the extent of the salt formation. In the instant compound, the salt is semi-hydrochloride of 8-cyano-1-cyclopropyl-7-(1S, 6S-2, 8-diazabicyclo-[4, 3, 0]nonan-8-yl)-6-fluoro-1, 4-dihydro-4-oxo-3-quinolnecarboxylic acid. In the Himmler compound, the salt is a monohydrochloride of 8-cyano-1-cyclopropyl-7-(1S, 6S-2, 8-diazabicyclo-[4, 3, 0]nonan-8-yl)-6-fluoro-1, 4-dihydro-4-oxo-3-quinolnecarboxylic acid. It's axiomatic in organic chemistry that acids will react with bases to form salts. Since there are several nitrogen atoms present in the

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instant compound, it is possible to form 1 to 3 acid-addition salts of HCL. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to form a semihydrochloride from a monohydrochloride of the of 8-cyano-1-cyclopropyl-7-(1S, 6S-2, 8-diazabicyclo-[4, 3, 0]nonan-8-yl)-6-fluoro-1, 4-dihydro-4-oxo-3-quinolnecarboxylic acid. For instance, at page 15, lines 16-20 of the Himmler reference, see Beispiel 2, where a disclosed species is exemplified. Accordingly, the compounds are deemed unpatentable therefrom in the absence of a showing of unexpected results for the claimed compounds over those of the generic prior art compounds.

(new rejections)

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

✓ A. In claims 13 and 14, line 2, pages 8 and 10 of the amendment 9/B, the term "characterized" is indefinite. The term "wherein" is suggested.

Claims 5-11, 15-24 are objected to because they are based on a rejected claim.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binta M. Robinson whose telephone number is (703) 306-5437. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alan Rotman can be reached on (703)308-4698. The fax phone numbers

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for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)308-7922 for regular communications and (703)308-7922 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-0193.

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